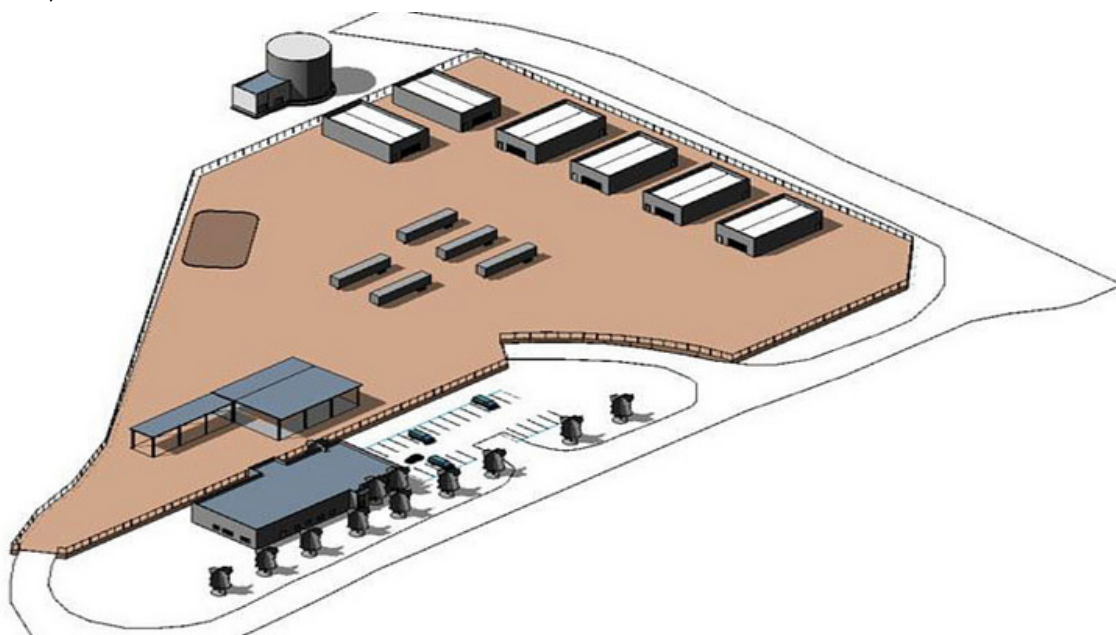


## Weidlinger-Navarro selected for waste staging facility design support

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### New waste staging facility design support business selected

Weidlinger-Navarro Northern New Mexico Joint Venture, was selected to perform architectural and engineering work for the Lab's transuranic (TRU) waste staging facility. The approximately \$5 million task order is expected to run through October 2012.

Weidlinger-Navarro will support the preliminary and final design phases of the 5-acre complex, where waste containers will be staged, characterized, and certified prior to shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) repository near Carlsbad, NM. TRU waste, which by law must go to WIPP, include items such as gloves, clothing, and lab equipment contaminated with elements heavier than uranium and above certain quantities.

The new facility would replace a number of buildings and fabric domes at LANL's Technical Area 54. That area must be closed and remediated under the Consent Order agreement with the state of New Mexico.

The facility will include multiple staging buildings plus an operations center and a concrete pad for mobile waste-characterization equipment. It is planned for a site at the Lab's Technical Area 63 in an area closed to the public.

After preliminary and final designs are approved, the construction will occur in two phases: site infrastructure and facility construction. Completion is targeted for the end of 2015.

Weidlinger-Navarro is one of six small businesses pre-selected by LANL back in 2009 to compete for various architectural

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